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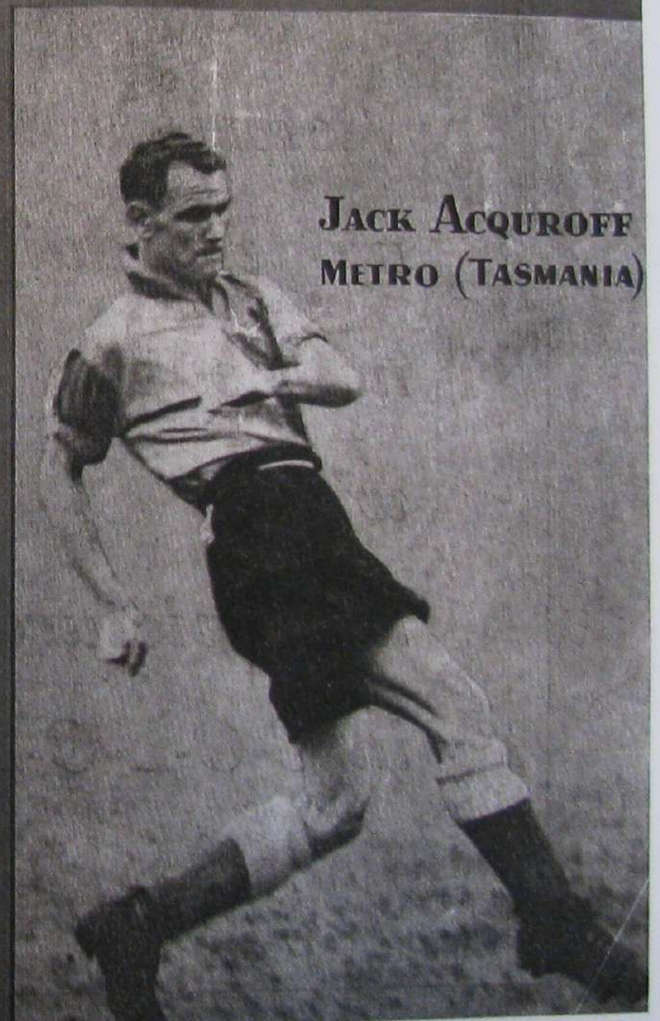

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NO TOUR THIS YEAR

Regrettably, after long and protracted negotiations, the Australian Soccer Football Association has had to abandon its idea of bringing out a Swedish team to play in Australia this season. Faced with countries nearer home also wanting to play Swedish sides, and with but a fraction of necessary organisation which would be required to send a team to Australia, the Swedes withdrew altogether from the Australian negotiations.

The only other possibility offering was a proposed tour by a London University side. Although in New South Wales it is felt that such a side might be a big draw, the V.A.S.F.A. was unanimously of the opinion that as a "drawcard" the London University side would be very poor indeed. The university team is not to be compared with the famous Pegasus side which has been crushing all or almost all amateur opposition before it in the last few English seasons.

So we are faced with a second year without an overseas touring team. In fact it looks very much as though we shall not have even an interstate side to visit us this season.

With Victoria in Queensland shortly and a probable visit to Adelaide for an Interstate Flood-lit Carnival this State is heavily committed to visit other States. With the expected Swedish visit no plans were made to put on another major attraction in Melbourne.

Interstate and overseas visits to Victoria add spice to the game. In fact they are the climax to the season. In view of the failure to attract visitors to Australia this season plans should already be under way to ensure that a team from overseas tours Australia next year.

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Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8. by first post on Monday.

The State trial game—Victoria v. Juventus—last Sunday has only served to emphasise the lack of strong attacking forwards in Victoria this year. The job of the selectors is a far from enviable one. After taking the eight forwards chosen, those left who could be considered to be in State class could be numbered on one hand. Fortunately the position regarding defenders is exactly the reverse. It is safe to say that in Victoria today there are probably more class full-backs and centre-backs than there have been for many years. Last year the strength of the Victorian Carnival teams was in its half-back line. This year it undoubtedly does hold good again. Getting back to the forwards, much is expected of Harry Sutherland, who in the early weeks of the season proved himself a fine constructive footballer and goal scorer. Injured with a torn thigh muscle, Harry has been nursing it for three weeks and it is hoped that this week he will be fit to try himself out. With McKenzie and Hardman also hurt, Victoria will keep their fingers crossed in the hope that all will be fit next Friday to leave on the plane.

Victorians officials are taking this tour very seriously. No fewer than six members of the V.A.S.F.A. council, including four State selectors, will be making the trip north to see our boys in action. Victoria has a name for rising to the big occasion, and with one or two stars beginning really to strike form, our team should be more than a match for Queensland.

The round of games last week has again confirmed the feeling that Juventus is the team of the year. Its defeat of Brighton maintains its lead in Division 1. J.U.S.T.'s defeat of Moreland was not too impressive, but nevertheless it was decisive. Hakoah, with a big victory over Park Rangers, climbs over both Moreland and Brighton into third position.

In Division 2 South Melbourne continued its slide down the ladder with a defeat by Geelong. In the Third Division Fairfield maintained its premier position with a win over Northcote, while lowly Moorabbin City defeated Maccabi, who now hang on to second place by goal average alone.

Hellenic's three-point lead ensured that team staying at the top of Division 4 last week in any circumstances. It is regrettable that, due to insufficient results coming in, Mr. Stewart, assistant secretary of the V.A.S.F.A., has been unable to compile the Reserve League tables for three weeks. This week we hope they will be up to date once more. It is the policy of this paper to publish the fullest League tables possible and we cannot do so unless the Association has them to send to us.

Readers will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Rosa Rothfield, of "Feminine Angle" fame, is recovering slowly after a serious operation. We would like to thank those many fans who have asked after her this week. We hope to have her breezy column back again before many more weeks are past.

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STORY OF THE F.A. CUP

By TED PRIDGEON

On July 20, 1871, in a small oak-panelled room in London, the foundaton of the Football Association's Challenge Cup Competition was laid as a contest between a handful of little-known clubs. One can almost visualise this humble beginning—the opening games perhaps: the long white flannel trousers and jerseys, quartered caps and, invariably, the long, flowing beards. The fineries of present-day soccer were absent in those days. Teams took the field ready for battle—for a battle it was, with the shoulder charge freely and vigorously given and taken, and some friendly hacking thrown in for good measure.

Between that humble beginning and The Cup as we know it today, there is a wonderful, even tremendous, story. Perhaps more humbly than the beginning of the venture itself I shall endeavor during the English close season to relate to our readers the more interesting incidents in the history of the F.A. Cup, for this indeed is the true story of soccer.

Thirty-year-old C. W. Alcock, who had been appointed secretary of the Football Association a year earlier (the Association had then been in being for eight years), set the F.A. ball rolling. On that evening in July, 1871, he sat in that small oak-panelled room at the office of the "Sportsman" in London. He was in the company of six colleagues, each a member of one or the other of the best-known teams of that period. Preliminary formal business having been dealt with, Mr. Alcock put forward this proposal:

"That it is desirable that a Challenge Cup should be established in connection with the Association, for which all clubs belonging to the Association should be invited to compete."

The idea was received with general favor and at a subsequent meeting held on October 16, 1871, it was adopted. The rules were drafted and entries received. Soccer had taken a tremendous step forward—more tremendous than Mr. Alcock and his colleagues could possibly have visualised. To conclude this week's article here are the number of entries and attendances at the final of the F.A. Challenge Cup Competition from the year 1871 to the year 1949—which is as far as my records go. They make, to my mind, most fascinating reading and indicate most emphatically the romance in the story of the Cup.

Season	Attendance	Entries	Season	Attendance	Entries	Season	Attendance	Entries
1871-72	2,000	15	1894-95	42,560	179	1921-22	53,000	656
1872-73	3,000	16	1895-96	48,836	210	1922-23	126,047	548
1873-74	2,500	28	1896-97	65,891	244	1923-24	91,695	555
1874-75	3,000	29	1897-98	62,017	213	1924-25	91,763	548
1875-76	4,000	32	1898-99	73,833	235	1925-26	91,447	570
1876-77	3,000	37	1899-1900	68,945	242	1926-27	91,206	552
1877-78	5,000	43	1900-01	110,820	220	1927-28	92,041	544
1878-79	5,000	43	1901-02	76,914	226	1928-29	92,567	520
1879-80	6,000	54	1902-03	63,102	223	1929-30	92,488	525
1880-81	4,000	63	1903-04	61,374	252	1930-31	92,406	526
1881-82	7,000	73	1904-05	101,117	274	1931-32	92,298	529
1882-83	8,000	84	1905-06	75,609	280	1932-33	92,950	543
1883-84	4,000	100	1906-07	84,584	305	1933-34	93,548	554
1884-85	12,500	116	1907-08	74,967	348	1934-35	93,204	573
1885-86	15,000	130	1908-09	67,651	361	1935-36	93,384	571
1886-87	16,000	126	1909-10	77,747	424	1936-37	93,495	563
1887-88	19,000	149	1910-11	69,098	403	1937-38	93,357	574
1888-89	22,000	149	1911-12	54,556	410	1938-39	99,370	556
1889-90	20,000	132	1912-13	120,081	457	1945-46	98,215	294
1890-91	23,000	161	1913-14	72,778	476	1946-47	98,215	438
1891-92	25,000	163	1914-15	50,000	454	1947-48	99,000	510
1892-93	45,000	183	1919-20	50,018	445	1948-49	100,000	617
1893-94	37,000	155	1920-21	72,805	674			

Europe Calling

By CHARLES WALKER

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT IN BRUSSELS

This may already be out of date, but it is very interesting. It is about the Easter junior competition in Brussels, which was staged with sixteen participants, not only from the Continent, but from South America, too. The first surprises came on the first day of play, when Turkey won against France, 1-0; Luxembourg against Austria, 4-3; and Germany against Argentina, 3-2. The winner of this tournament was Hungary, who defeated Jugoslavia, 2-0. The surprising third place-getter was Turkey, who defeated Spain, 3-2. The amazing performance of the Hungarians was due to the inability of the opposing teams to score even 1 goal against them in the whole tournament.

JUGOSLAVIA IN SOUTH AMERICA

The Jugoslav team, Hajduk, who visited Australia a few years ago under the name of Jugoslavia, and who performed so well here, made a trip to South America, and played six games, winning three, losing two, and drawing one. According to the South American Press, their performance was outstanding and the results were better than any achieved by any other continental team in South America.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES

During March some international games were played on the continent, the most important being Spain v. Belgium, 3-1; Switzerland v. Holland, 2-1; Germany v. Austria, 0-0. One of the biggest surprises in the last few years was the defeat of the Austrian team by Eire, 4-0. It was a good revenge for the 6-0 defeat of Eire a year before in Vienna.

STRIKING SPREADS TO SOCCER

During an international tournament in Lima (Peru), Peru's national team went on a hunger strike as they were kept isolated from their relations and the Press.

REFRESHER COURSE FOR REFEREES

With the approach of the Soccer World Championships in 1954, the Referees' Commission of the F.I.F.A. decided to stage a course for referees in order to have them in top form for these important games. The same Commission was of the opinion that a change of gaolie should be permitted in all competitive games, and also that any other player should be allowed to take the field during the first half of a game, when it is not competitive.

ALL-ROUNDERS AND ALL-WINGERS

Five England "Test" players, Ames, Arnold, Edrich, Compton, and Fishlock, played for London League club, and all were left-wingers. Hendren and Hulme also played for London clubs on the right-wing, while Hammond was a winger for Bristol Rovers. Now we find fast bowler Trevor Bailey playing for Walthamstow Avenue in their great cup run this season, and sure enough, he is on the wing.

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TARTAN TOPICS

By DUNCAN McDOUGALL

Latest from the football-by-night is the idea by Sunderland officials to form a Border Floodlight League, embracing Sunderland and Newcastle, Rangers and Hibernians. The Scots clubs have as yet no installation, but at Ibrox and Easter Road they have the latest plans, and although Rangers and Hibs. "ca' canny" on most things, they have a nasty habit of getting there before the others. As yet the S.F.A. have refused to permit competitive matches until an approved standard of lighting has been established.

The plastic covered white ball comes in for a good deal of criticism. Apparently it hasn't the same "give" and didn't stand the old test of being kicked on to the roof of the stand along with the leather ball, dropping to the ground and the number of "stots" counted.

This year's list of "freed" players is larger than ever. Auld Killie has released no fewer than 16 from Rugby Park. Notable names on the list include Jimmie Brown, the Hearts goalkeeper, and Jock Weir, of Falkirk. Economic necessity is the reason for the large axing.

If you're interested in defeated teams, here's the "Tulip-Heids" beaten by the Swedes, 3-1. Farm (Blackpool), Young and Little (Rangers), Evans (Celtic), Cowie (Dundee), Docherty (Preston), Henderson (Portsmouth), Johnstone, Reilly (Hibs.), Steele (Dundee), Ring (Clyde)—could it be that this team and our State XI suffer from the same malady? Stars beginning to wane and inside forwards too small. At one time a "guid big yin" was better than two "guid wee yins"!

Dundee left Heath Row last Saturday at 3.45 p.m. and touched down in Jo'burg at 2.5 p.m. on Sunday. The party included Alf Boyd, who had a one-way ticket and an appointment with the Marist Bros.' team in Jo'berg. With a bit of luck and a bigger offer he might have been here now.

The ability of Derek Grierson, of Rangers, to "poach" goals is responsible for the new phrase "doing a Grierson." He scores from such short range that the trainer keeps a bottle of dry cleaning fluid to remove the white paint marks from his jersey. Light blue shows up everything! Copeland, of Juventus, attempts the same game but gets caught too often. Perhaps our referees are better?

Must be a lot of English Cup medals hanging on Scots' watch chains now. Foam, Fenton and Mudie collected three with Blackpool and Aberdonian, Billy Moir, skipper of Bolton, missed out on one by two minutes! !

St. Mirren's genial but outspoken Willie Waters was unanimously appointed vice-president of the League Committee. The Paisley man has his own ideas about the League's place in the game. How right he is! Our own Alec Barr's father was on the St. Mirren's directorate and would be a contemporary of the Wily Willie.

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Letters to the Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Open Letter from Upper Yarra Dam

This year the Upper Yarra Dam Soccer Club has been excluded from the Dockerty Cup competition through a misunderstanding with the soccer council. Those of you who have paid us a visit over the last two years will realise the strength of the blow that has been dealt us. A keener little band of soccer enthusiasts just does not exist in Victoria.

I am sure, if it were possible, that all the nineteen clubs given a bye in the first round would have been prepared to go into the hat again and the first one out to play U.Y.D. in the first round. I am confident that those clubs would give a country club the only thing it wants, and which it should have had—a chance to play for the Dockerty Cup.

Apart from exclusion from the Cup, we are also denied the right to play in the Fourth Division, as we are deemed too far away and would place a financial burden on those clubs having to travel here. This argument defeats itself, as our opponents would have to make the trip once yearly, and we would be obliged to travel to Melbourne every two weeks. Substantiating our claim that the clubs would not oppose our admittance to the Fourth Division is the fact that many clubs have made the trip just to play social games. Among them are some Fourth Division clubs, and there are many more clubs due to pay us a visit this year.

The aim of the U.Y.D. Soccer Club is to foster and boost soccer, and to those clubs who have paid us a visit, and who are intending to pay us a visit, we thank you most sincerely, but we feel that it is time that the V.A.S.F.A. took a hand and helped us keep soccer on the map in this district, by accepting us into competition soccer.

T. DAVIS, Hon. Sec., U.Y.D.S.C.

Sir,—I read in the last issue of Soccer News that a game between British Empire and Rest of the World will be played on Coronation Day, the organisers being J. W. Gray, S. Horrobin and R. Carlson, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lang.

It is rather surprising that Rest of the World are not represented on the committee. I hope last year's mistake will not be repeated of having the team for "Rest" selected by persons belonging to the British Empire. It should be left to Rest of the World to select their own team.—Yours, etc., A. BEDROSSIAN, Juventus Supporter.

Sir,—I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your committee on the great job you have done with Soccer News this year. It is certainly worth the extra 6d.—Yours, etc.,

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TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

A calm day, with a fair breeze — Yo! ho!—It's full steam ahead" with South Hobart riding on the crest of the "Wave." Sandy Bay is assured of a "Swell" time. Yes, Siree! with the wizards of Oz., i.e., Lynch and Morrison, in their respective places for the Bay and the Hearts of Oak(es) leading the South, one can expect some lively exchanges. Yes! As I expected, South Hobart waltzed home to an easy victory, winning by four clear goals. Bay looked like making a game of it, then the farther vision faded and South Hobart took control. Young Cracknell consolidated his position between the sticks—an up and coming goalkeeper of class; Norman Gardner, a stalwart at centre-half, and Oakes full of life, at centre. Mann played very well in goal for the Bay, considering a leg injury he received, and Morrison and Lynch were tops in defence. Goal-scorers: South Hobart, Oakes (2), Maddock.

My appeal today for increased sales of Soccer News was most gratifying. Bronte Park's manager, Mr. Mears, immediately asked me to increase his order from 12 copies to 40 and a promise of more to follow. The Babes of the League have set a glorious example; others please follow.

Precious players are like precious stones—difficult to obtain. What about "Gold," ex-Caledonian (centre-forward), sharp-shooter, still unsigned? I advise one certain club to act, or too late, too late will be the cry.

I was asked today to name the two finest goalkeepers in Division I.

It's a "Wise" fellow who would make such a choice. No! I ain't "Mann" enough. "Wise Guy," ain't I!

Alec Mackie, South Hobart's crack inside-left, is on the injured list. Best of luck and a speedy recovery, Alec.

Late news: At New Norfolk—Metro, 2; A.N.M., 0.

Caledonians v. Bronte Park at Bronte.

Under ideal weather conditions and before approximately 800 fans, Arnott kicked off for Caledonians, and superlative soccer was the order of the day by the Scots on a pitch that was anything but a bowling green. Within 10 minutes young George Arnott opened the scoring with a low swift shot, and then shot home number 2 from a cross by Smith. Bronte

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went in to attack and Kershmann, Bronte centre, fastening on to a ball from some 20 yards sent in a pile-driver that had McCreadie beaten—a magnificent goal. Close on half-time Kershmann again put his side two up. A scrimmage at the Caledonian goalmouth and the ball merely trickled over the line. Half-time, 2-2.

The second half was well contested, Caledonians supplying the chess-board moves and Bronte the dash. A long drive by Fall, of Bronte, evidently deceived McCreadie and the ball passed over his head into the net to put the Park in the lead. The Scots went into the attack once more and a corner taken by Anderson was placed to perfection. Up bobbed the million dollar head of Arnott and in his own immaculate style headed home. A draw was a fair reflection of the play. Bronte Park were well served by their right-back, with forwards, Bow, Clasper and Kershmann excelling. For the Caledonians, both backs—Smith and Shields—were outstanding and George Arnott the pick of the forwards. Scorers: Bronte, Kershmann (2), Fall; Caledonians, Arnott (3).

I warn all clubs that Bronte knows every tuft of grass on its ground and will definitely take some stopping.

SOUTHERN TASMANIAN LEAGUE TABLES

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Hobart	4	3	1	0	12	4	7
Metro.	4	3	0	1	21	6	6
Caledonians	3	2	1	0	15	5	5
Sandy Bay	4	2	0	2	6	12	4
Bronte Park	3	0	0	3	3	15	0
A.N.M.	4	0	0	4	5	20	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Mt. Nelson	4	3	0	1	16	3	6
Caledonians	4	3	0	1	15	8	6
South Hobart	4	3	0	1	14	9	6
Zinc Works	4	1	1	2	5	9	3
Metro.	4	1	1	2	7	13	3
University	4	0	0	4	1	19	0

QUEENSTOWN (TASMANIA) ASSOCIATION

A visit from Bronte Park (Hobart) on Coronation Day is expected to play for a Coronation Cup. This will give us a chance to try out our Association team to meet Southern Tasmania (expected date June 6). This week's personality—L. Leswick, or better known as "Never Miss Luigi." Luigi is 6 ft. 4 in. and played for Milan F.C. in Italy in centre-forward or centre-half. He has a terrific shot with either foot, and grand ball control.

Luigi got his nick-name, when he ran up to take a penalty kick, shouting, "Me Luigi take kick; me Luigi never miss." A spectator offered him 5 to 1 that he would miss. Luigi took the bet and missed the penalty, and from that day has been known as "Never Miss Luigi."—E. W. PETERS.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

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FREE TRANSFER SYSTEM

With the return of Copeland to Juventus, soccer followers may reflect on the ease with which players may transfer within the State. In most other amateur codes clearances are not so easy to come by, and players can be held from season to season.

HALF-TIME REFRESHER

The Wolves had monkey-gland treatment, other clubs went in for champagne, and now Arsenal have installed oxygen apparatus to give jaded players a whiff at half-time.

PENALTY HOODOO

It is a fact that last season the reserve team of a well-known club missed promotion to the First Division of the London Combination by missing 13 penalties out of 15. They deserved to stay down.

INTER-VARSITY CUP

While the Victorian State team is in Brisbane, the University will be in Adelaide, trying to regain the Challenge Cup that it lost last year to Sydney. By which time I hope they will have found a goalscorer, as they have netted in only one game so far this season.

DON'T FENCE ME IN

Forsaking Olympic Park two weeks ago I watched three games within earshot of Royal Park. In the first, both sides were in white shirts, the second had no corner flags, and the third, being watched by a good crowd, had no goal-nets. A pity these little laxities have crept in as all the games were of a higher standard than of previous years.

OLYMPIC AMATEURS

The job of working out an internationally accepted definition of an amateur player for the next Olympic Games somewhere in Melbourne has fallen to Sir Stanley Rous, secretary of the F.A., and Signor Barassi, the Italian soccer president. Italy's idea is that it should mean someone under 21, strictly amateur or not. Such a suggestion is hardly likely to be approved.

PASSING BACK

Old stalwarts say that years ago defenders always cleared up-field, and rarely passed back. The cry was revived recently, when Ramsey, the Spur's full-back, did so with 20 seconds to go in the semi-final, and unfortunately presented a Blackpool forward with the luckiest of winning goals.

DANDENONG LET DOWN

It is a sad state of affairs that teams have not been turning up at Dandenong to fulfil their fixtures. The amenities there are superior to most that I have seen in higher leagues, and the ground is easily reached within one hour of leaving the city.

(Continued on page 10)

SNOWS "for men who care what they wear"

Special Notice to all Club Secretaries—

With the growth of Soccer News, the amount of work involved in handling Soccer News accounts has become too great for one man. Mr. Dodd (Treasurer of Soccer News) has asked for assistance in this regard, so that arrangements have been made for our accountants, Messrs Howard K. Ingham & Associates to receive all moneys and send out accounts.

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We Really Shouldn't Publish this—

Visiting Canberra recently, I met a government employee, who not so long ago played centre-forward for Poland in all international games. He was delighting Canberra football enthusiasts with his amazing soccer skill and I asked him if he would join a Sydney club.

Imagine my feelings when he told me that he had seen N.S.W. senior soccer and as he had no desire to suffer a broken leg or some other such serious injury, he preferred to accept an offer he had received from a Victorian club.

I can assure you that this player would easily be the best centre-forward I have seen anywhere for at least ten years.

But he will not play in our senior football and his reasons for not doing so are bluntly stated — but it was written by "Spotter" in Soccer Weekly News, N.S.W.

HOME AND AWAY (continued)

ACCOMMODATION AT ENGLISH GROUNDS

That the accommodation set-up on big English grounds is vastly different in some instances is reflected in the Cup semi-final receipts. There were 75,000 at Maine Road, paying £15,700, and 68,000 at Villa Park, where there is more stand accommodation, the receipts were over £20,000—a record for the provinces.

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Overseas Players in English Football League Teams

By WALTER PILKINGTON,

Sports Editor of the "Lancashire Evening Post."

Although the majority of professionals playing for English Football League clubs are United Kingdom born, many overseas players have achieved the distinction of obtaining regular places in Britain's foremost League sides. For instance, Middlesbrough's goalkeeper is the Italian Ugolini; Jensen, from Denmark is with Hull City; on Portsmouth's wing is the Belgian Marcel Gaillard. Trautman, a former German prisoner of war, has kept goal with consistent brilliancy for Manchester City. The brothers Robledo, of Newcastle United, were born in Chile, and George played for his country against England in the 1950 World Cup series.

Among other players from overseas are Aakins (Birmingham), Japan; Mitten (Fulham), Burma; Elsentrager (Bristol City), Germany; Delapenha (Middlesbrough), Jamaica; and Donaghy (Bolton Wanderers), United States. Prominent in a host of South Africans are Perry (Blackpool), Strauss (Plymouth), Leary, O'Linn, Uytenbogaardt, Hewie and others (Charlton Athletic), Sheart (Wolverhampton), Stewart (Leeds United) and Oellfse (Chelsea). As many as 16 footballers from the Cape are registered with Football League clubs and others are eager to follow. There are also two Australians of some standing—Grieves, who plays cricket for Lancashire and has kept goal in First Division matches for Bolton, and Marston, Preston's North End's centre-half, who will shortly have been three years in England.

The case of Marston focuses attention upon a problem which the League clubs eventually may approach more realistically than they do at present. The League regulations specifically state exactly what a professional can receive financially from the game, and this does not include the cost of a summer holiday, or the fares for it, or even the cost of a periodic break. It does not matter much for players resident in Britain, but it is a considerable item when the man's home is in another country.

More Than Justified

Marston knew what he was undertaking when he came; indeed he was glad of the opportunity and is grateful to Preston North End for giving it to him. He had played as an amateur at full-back for Australia when a Lancashire man living near Sydney recommended him to Bolton Wanderers. This club, as well as Blackpool, did not feel disposed to engage him, but Preston, with the League's sanction, paid for the air trip of Joe Marston and

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his pretty young wife, and their enterprise was more than justified by results.

Marston at first was unsettled and did not play well at full-back. Then the Preston manager had an inspiration. He saw Marston as a fine prospect at centre-half, persevered with him in that position, and a mishap to the man in possession gave the Australian his chance. He made it his own, helped Preston to win promotion, played in every League game last season and continued to hold his place without question. He won the respect of his fellow-players, not least that of the numerous noted centre-forwards whom he prevented from scoring. In the meantime, the Marstons, without a single relative in Britain, yearned for home and the longing became keener when they had a baby daughter. So, at the end of this season they are returning to their homeland for a holiday.

Sympathetic Understanding

While sorry to lose a fine player, Preston had shown the Marstons sympathetic understanding, and were regretful that their hands are tied by regulations. So was Marston, who said he could not afford to pay for his own return and was resigned to taking a job awaiting him in Australia, where he would turn his football knowledge to whatever advantage he could. He could have become a fine missionary for the game in Australia. Since then the Preston football public have raised the money by subscription and the League have agreed to allow this precedent. Marston has years of football in him and this does seem a case in which an exception could be made. It may be that with an increasing number of players coming into the game from abroad, a resolution will be tabled at the next annual meeting of the League for a holiday with pay in special instances.

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QUEENSLAND PREPARES FOR VICTORIA

By V. J. M. DIXON

The Queensland selectors so far have chosen a panel of 28 players from whom the final selection will be made to meet Victoria on the 29th of this month and June 2. Included in the panel are our old friends, "Bunny" Nunn and Bob Lawrie, together with Mal Wild and Bob Coleman, who were outstanding in Melbourne in the Queensland-New South Wales game. Missing from the panel is "Spots" Mitchell, who played in goal in Melbourne with very indifferent success.

Since the war "Bunny" Nunn has had the centre-forward position "sewn up," but this year he has a serious rival for the position in Col Kitching, of Blackstone Rovers. Outstanding this year at centre-half-back is Al Warren. The week before last he gave Bunny Nunn little chance in a League game.

Having a trial this year is Second Divison player C. T. Takacs, of the New Australian team, White Stars. If he makes the chosen few it will be a new departure from previous Queensland policy. This has always been to concentrate on British boys only, with a leaning towards Queensland-born boys.

State coach is Harry Brophy, an ex-English professional, who has had much to do with keeping Queensland soccer on its high level.

On the injured list is Merv Newlands, who played at right-back in Melbourne. It is hoped that he will be fit in time for selection. Going great guns at present is Mal Wild. He played outside-left in the Carnival and he looks a certainty for selection. Last Saturday week Mal scored three goals from the outside-left for Corinthians in a League game.

In the background is as usual Bob Lawrie. He has captained Queensland since the war and also Australia on many occasions. Ageing now a little as footballers go, Bob is still a fine player and shrewd tactician. It will not be surprising if once again we find him giving the orders when the Queensland team takes the field against the pride of Victoria.

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SUNDAY, MAY 24

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It is a curious little irony that England's greatest centre-forward once wanted to be a goalkeeper, and was singularly content to act as such in games with other Lancashire schoolboys, who wanted only to emulate Tommy Lawton.

On one occasion young Nat Lofthouse went to watch a game in a smart new pair of shoes. The goalkeeper was adrift, so Nat stood in for him.

When he got home the shoes were smart no longer.

But the trouble that incident caused was almost forgotten by the time he switched to centre-forward position at Bolton's soccer-conscious Castle Hill School.

This time, instead of a reprimand, there was a reward for playing football. Promised a bicycle if he hit a hat-trick, Nat made sure of it by scoring seven!

All the time the black and white colors of mighty Bolton Wanderers were like magic to the boy. The great local club, so rich in tradition, was the only one that mattered to Nat Lofthouse.

Sometimes he would pay to watch them. At others he would shin-up the side of the terraces to get a free look.

You can imagine the thrill he felt when he was asked to join the Wanderers, as a kid on the ground staff.

And you can picture his thoughts as he cleaned the boots of the heroic Ray Westwood, whose lightning thrusts at goal he had so often cheered.

With the war, dreams faded for a while. But, at fifteen and a half years of age, he scored twice against Bury. That was in March, 1941.

As a Bevin boy his task of trundling the coal carriers increased his sturdiness, helped build his leg muscles.

His talent as a footballer came on steadily. In the summer of 1950 he was chosen to accompany the Football Association party which toured Canada.

In November, 1950, Lofthouse led the English attack against Jugoslavia at Arsenal Stadium.

He scored both goals—in a 2-2 draw which gained few cheers for the English—the first from a cross by Medley, the second from a perfectly placed centre by Hancocks.

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I came away with the impression that Lofthouse was game and persistent, a fine footballer, but not quite an England leader.

It was an opinion shared by many. The transformation was still to come.

He touched true greatness for the first time in the conquest of Austria, in Vienna, last spring. And, when he hit six goals for the Football League against the Irish League, in September, he was clearly established as a confident and masterly player, a footballer who looked every inch an international.

The improvement was maintained, particularly in the November defeat of Wales at Wembley Stadium.

Here he demonstrated qualities which shrugged aside all disputes about his ranking as England's Number 1 centre-forward.

His speed off the mark, his ability to shoot on the turn, his agile heading and excellent anticipation of where a rival defence would least wish to see him, were dominating features of the English revival.

At twenty-seven, Lofthouse is still learning. He knows how much he owes to the advice of George Hunt at Brunden, and there is, indeed, a dash about his play that is often reminiscent of the old Tottenham centre-forward.

He is modest enough to recognise room for improvement, and I believe he will be an even better player than he is now.

Lofthouse would certainly be my nomination for Footballer of the Year. The boy who cleaned Ray Westwood's boots has shown himself worthy to step into them.—J.T.

(From Charles Buchan's "Football Monthly.")

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QUEENSLAND

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Blackstone R	4	3	1	0	17	7	7
Bundamba R	4	3	0	1	16	8	6
Dinmore Bush R.	3	2	0	1	10	6	4
Caledonians	3	2	0	1	10	8	4
Eastern Sub.	4	1	2	1	13	15	4
Thistle	3	1	0	2	8	8	2
Corinthians	3	1	0	2	8	11	2
St. Helens	3	1	0	2	4	9	2
Bulimba R.	3	1	0	2	8	14	2
Y.M.C.A.	4	0	1	3	4	12	1

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Oxley	4	4	0	0	16	3	8
White Stars	3	3	0	0	23	3	6
Latrobe	4	3	0	1	17	11	6
Merton R.	4	3	0	1	12	15	6
Hellenic	4	2	0	2	16	11	4
Bardon	3	2	0	1	13	10	4
Toowong	4	1	0	3	12	14	2
Shafston R.	4	1	0	3	9	15	2
Mitchelton	4	1	0	4	8	20	0
Y.M.C.A.	4	0	0	4	5	29	0

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

First League

North Perth	3	3	0	0	12	2	6
Azzurri	3	3	0	0	14	4	6
Swan Valley	3	2	0	1	8	4	4
Sokol	3	1	1	1	16	11	3
Perth City	3	1	1	1	7	9	3
Spearwood R.	3	0	2	1	6	10	2
Victoria Park	3	1	0	2	12	18	2
Subiaco City	3	0	2	1	7	12	2
Swan Ath.	3	0	1	2	6	10	1
South Perth	3	0	1	2	3	11	1

Second League

Caledonian	3	3	0	0	21	5	6
Pannonia	3	2	1	0	11	3	5
Cottesloe	3	2	0	1	6	8	4
Mt. Hawthorn	3	2	0	1	9	12	4
Balmoral R.	3	1	1	1	6	12	3
Fremantle C.*	3	2	0	1	16	7	2
Queens Park	3	1	0	2	3	12	2
Cracovia	3	0	1	2	5	9	1
Maccabean	3	0	1	2	8	13	1
Midland W.	3	0	0	3	3	7	1

*2 points deducted for playing an ineligible player.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

First Division

Juventus	3	3	0	0	10	2	6
Beograd	3	3	0	0	7	2	6
Pt. Adelaide	3	1	2	0	8	7	4
Birkalla	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Budapest	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
Prospect	3	1	0	2	8	9	2
Bohemians	3	0	2	1	5	7	2
Sturt	3	1	0	2	5	10	2
Portsmouth P.	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Pt. Thistle	3	0	1	2	3	7	1

Second Division

Cumberland	3	3	0	0	11	1	6
Polonia	3	3	0	0	10	1	6
Vytis	3	2	0	1	13	3	4
Kingswood	3	2	0	1	11	5	4
Railways	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
Woodville N.	3	1	0	2	5	10	2
West Torrens	3	1	0	2	2	11	2
South Adelaide	3	0	1	2	2	9	1
Thebarton	3	0	1	2	1	12	1
C.L. Gardens	3	0	0	3	3	9	0

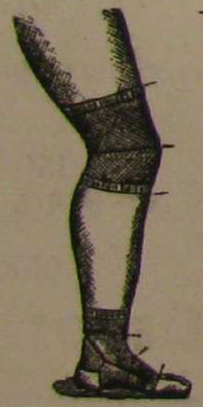
NEW SOUTH WALES

Southern (First Division)

Granville	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Auburn	3	2	0	1	7	4	4
Corrimal	3	2	0	1	9	6	4
L'hardt-Annandale	3	2	0	1	10	8	4
Woonona-Bulli	3	2	0	1	8	8	4
Bankstown	3	1	1	1	8	4	3
North Shore	3	1	0	2	2	9	2
C'bury-Marrickville	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Balgownie	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Gladesville-Ryde	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Northern (First Division)

Wallsend	3	3	0	0	9	3	6
Cessnock	3	2	1	0	10	3	5
Mayfield United	3	2	0	1	10	7	4
West Wallsend	3	1	1	1	9	8	3
East Lakes	3	1	1	1	7	8	3
Weston	3	1	1	1	8	9	3
Adamstown	3	1	0	2	11	10	2
Cardiff	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Greta Austral	3	1	0	2	6	14	2
Lake Macquarie	3	0	0	3	2	8	0



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Around the Clubs

MACCABI

Maccabi's opening of the 1953 season has been a successful one. With six games played, five have been won and the other ended in a draw.

We are extremely proud of this effort, for Maccabi is as yet a very young club. The club was formed in 1950. After two good seasons in the Fourth Division the club gained promotion and this season takes its place in the Third Division. This has been achieved by sound management and good team spirit, plus the ability to keep a good team fielded. This has been due to our trainer, Nev. Hernick.

We will endeavor in the 1953 season to make Maccabi a team worth playing against.

We would like to extend the Frankston club our best wishes for 1953 and to thank them for its fair play and fine sportsmanship in League and friendly games. Thanks for that lovely cup of tea.

Maccabi has the honor of promoting the Israel team for the international Sunday soccer contest. The first game will be Israel v. Australia at Olympic Park on Sunday, May 24, at 3.30 p.m. Will all Jewish players wishing to present themselves for selection, please contact Mr. C. Jakubowitz at either FM 1090 or FJ 4434 as soon as possible.

FOOTSCRAY CITY

Last week's win at Park Rangers' expense unfortunately was not repeated on Saturday against Yallourn, who notched the only goal of the match, which was spoilt by a strong down field wind. J. Smith was sadly missed, but despite this should have won with the scoring chances they had. Bad shooting is costing Footscray valuable points.

The Reserves curtain raiser provided Footscray with their third successive win, H. Saxelbey getting the only two goals of the match.

Juniors' match at Sunshine resulted in a 8-0 win for the United. Footscray have still to get a settled team, the first season always being the worst.

A grand gesture by one of our committee enabled the ladies to provide refreshments, which I hope will be a feature of home games. A big thank you to the ladies.

SOUTH YARRA

Both senior and reserve sides are having a good season. Hopes are high that the club will be again in the top flight next season. To the club's social evening at the Rechabite Hall, Clarence Street, Prahran, Saturday, May 30, supporters and visitors from clubs will be welcome.—TOM SHARP.

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SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED

South Melbourne United suffered another reverse at Geelong last Saturday. The Geelong team's vigorous style of play was a real lesson to the young practically all Australian-born South Melbournites and they must learn that success demands a total effort. The club is confident that out of its vast pool of juniors will emerge a team that can back its coach, Jack Wilson, to the limit, for the club is determined to produce a side that has everything needed by a successful team.

The club's junior teams had a day of no games as the Under 20, Under 17 and Under 14 did not play, but the Under 15 team had the pleasure of playing the curtain raiser at Olympic Park against Coburg in what was virtually a premiership deciding match, and ran out winners, 2-0.

BRIGHTON

Brighton skipper, Harry Sutherland, failed to pass a final fitness test before the game with Juventus last Saturday and his place was taken by Bobby Devlin.

Centre-half, Ralph Walker, captained the team and played a brilliant, dominating game in the middle. An injury to McKenzie 15 minutes after the start left Brighton with ten men for the rest of the game, as against Moreland the previous week. There the similarity ended. This was a tough, battling game. Brighton made Juventus go all out for its win.

Councillor F. M. Julyan, representing the Mayor of Brighton, Councillor W. Lovell, Mr. W. R. Thomas (Chairman) and Mr. J. Paul (Deputy Chairman) of the V.A.S.F.A. were among the guests who shared the pleasure of the big crowd.

Congratulations are due to the Brighton officials and ladies' committee, who organised a most successful afternoon's sporting entertainment, and to twenty-two players who gave of their best for the whole ninety minutes.

COBURG

After a fast game at Cole Reserve, Coburg ran out the winners, 3—1 against the keen University team. Only glimpses of good football resulted as neither team could control the ball properly in the gusty conditions.

Goals: Bretherton (2), L. Staffrace.

Best players: Bretherton, Farrugia, Nemeth, Conte.

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COBURG RESERVES

The Reserve team drew with Moorabbin, 1—1. The game was evenly contested, Moorabbin having the wind advantage in the first half, but only registered one goal.

Coburg evened the score in the second term when J. Cane sent over a beautiful cross from the left wing and Sandham netted.

Coburg outplayed Moorabbin in every quarter but failed to net for the winning goal.

Best players: V. Kerr, T. Walker, H. Rodes.

FAIRFIELD

Fairfield gained another two points at the expense of Northcote. From whistle to whistle the game was hard, fast and full of thrills. Neither team yielded an inch, and played excellent football. High-light of the play was the spectacular penalty save by Northcote's keeper. Result, 2—0.

The Reserves visited Dandenong Rovers and although down 1—0 at half-time, snatched a victory, 2—1.

Mr. J. Beveridge is holding a party in his home on Saturday, May 30. Don't miss it, lads and lasses. I can guarantee Mrs. Beveridge's cooking and "Nina" will again be there.

HAKOAH

In a colourless game at St. Kevin's oval, Hakoah was down to vigorous but unscientific Park Rangers. Setting the tune from the start, Hakoah became careless after scoring two goals and paid with a goal for the straying of backs and half-backs. After half-time at 2-1, a reshuffled side quickly got into stride and scored five more goals, several lucky ones making up for wasted opportunities.

Cec. Drummond is still on the sidelines waiting for his transfer, a very poor deal for a most deserving player.

Freddie Lester, also looking on, is still hobbling after a severely bruised leg received in the reserve match against Footscray.

Well remembered former centre-forward Albie Meyer now conducts the kiosk at the club grounds and caters for the players. Frankfurts instead of goals, these days!

PRESTON

Sunday, 10th, saw the club paying a social call on Upper Yarra Dam. The game was a great success, finishing 2—2. This is a trip to be well recommended, and I can personally vouch for a really fine game. The hospitality extended to us by this club and its social committee was of the highest order. We thoroughly enjoyed the picnic and the tea provided after the game. Don't forget, soccer clubs, there is a great welcome from this club for anyone making the trip.

Saturday saw a change of fortune for Preston with a draw against Flinders. Although we are still suffering from an outsize crop of injuries, the latest unfortunate is O'Brien who is out for a long time with a fractured thigh.—Onlooker.

The Reserve teams kicked off at 1.30 p.m. and a boisterous wind made ball control difficult. Both teams battled hard and after a clever move by the half-backs Preston made an opening for Clements to score. Half-time: Preston Reserves, 1; F.N.D., 0. In the second half Preston had the advan-

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tage of the wind. Openings were missed by both sides. Preston managed to score again. Result: Preston Reserves, 2; F.N.D., 0.

From the start it was evident that the senior teams could not get ball control. After several tries Preston scored. Second half was much the same. Both sides missed chances. Owing to a misunderstanding between Preston full-back and goalkeeper, F.N.D. equalised. Results: 1-1.

Special Notice

On Saturday, June 6, the first round of the Dockerty Cup will be played. On that date the customary number of copies of Soccer News (No. 9) will be sent to all clubs playing in the Dockerty Cup competition and also to all country and Tasmanian clubs as usual.

Melbourne clubs who have no fixtures on that date will not be sent copies of No. 9 Soccer News unless orders for that number are received by the Editor by first post on Wednesday next, May 27.

V. J. M. DIXON, Chairman Soccer News Committee.

PENINSULA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

ROSEBUD

Rosebud soccer club being without matches on the following dates, owing to unforeseen circumstances, and still desiring to encourage the game on the Peninsula, invite any club that has the said dates open to get in touch with the secretary, H. Mitchell, Boneo Road, Rosebud:—

Home dates—July 4 and 18, August 8, September 5.

Away dates—July 11 and 25, August 15 and 29.

BORDER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Before the largest crowd this season, in a fast, open game Probables beat the Possibles by 3 goals to 2.

After this match selectors will have a very hard task to pick the Association team to play Hakoah club in Melbourne on June 7, as several players played outstanding football.

The defence of both teams was very sound, but Possibles were let down by their forward men who did not combine well, and many good movements were spoilt by too much dribbling in front of goal.

All Probables forwards played good, constructive football, Dick, from the Wodonga club, being the outstanding player on the field.

For the Possibles, Tolic, Pearce, Rezuk, Honess and Millen were a tower of strength to their team, while for the Probables Austraska, Dick, Murray, Todorovic and Radulovic were the best players.

In the early game, Wodonga-Albury City combined beat Tallangatta-Bandiana combined by two goals to nil. — CELM MARTIN.

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AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The Australian team to play Israel at Olympic Park at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, May 24, will be selected from: Harrenden (Sunshine United), Drennan (J.U.S.T.), Stott, Lee, Dixon (Moreland), Lott (South Yarra), McKenzie (Brighton), Thomas (Prahran), Smith (Preston), and Murray, Fox, Petterson, G. James, M. James, Wilson, Denny, Holder, Cotterell, D. Borlace, of South Melbourne United. Players to report to dressing-room at 2.45 p.m. and if possible bring black shorts.

D. J. HAMILTON.

ENGLAND, AWAKE

Now that England must get cracking, would the following players please report to me at Park Rangers' dressing-room next Sunday, May 24, at 2.15 p.m. for the purpose of a trial match, to enable us to select the strongest possible side for first round versus Slovakia:—Eric Heath, Reg Hardiman, Laurie Stott, Bob Swoffer and L. Gilbert (Moreland), Tom Trinder (George Cross), C. Drummond (Hakoah), A. W. Willee (University), J. Stubbs (Prahran), J. Key (Preston), I. Gregg, F. Diement, S. Howell (South Yarra), F. Dawson, F. Cox, J. Baker, F. Hayden, F. Donnelly (Footscray City), R. West, G. Wilkinson (Box Hill), J. Slade (Northcote), W. Cording, F. McQuaigie, P. Cottell (Sandringham City), L. Gough, L. Smith, K. Hutchings, J. Mackie (Sunshine United), A. Waitzer, V. Manson, T. Larking, L. Harris and R. Featherstone (Park Rangers).

Any other players, who must be of English birth, kindly regard this notice as their final opportunity to enlist their names in the cause of England. Next week is too late. Ground is at rear of tennis courts, next to railway line, near Middle Park station.

J. STEPHEN, 87 Cobden St., Kew, E.4.

The Editor regrets that he has been unable to answer all correspondence received as promptly as he would have liked owing to pressure of business, and asks all correspondents to bear with him until he is able to catch up.

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Junior Section

Phoning of Results.—Results of matches telephoned to the "Herald" were at an all-time low on Saturday, with the result that the Association secretary had to seek club representatives out on Sunday afternoon at Olympic Park to gain the necessary information to compile the League tables for publication in Soccer News.

Clubs are not co-operating with the Association secretary, and through their failure to phone their results through to the "Herald" office, are likely to deprive the Association of their only space in the Press, the "Herald" and the "Sporting Globe."

Other daily papers are not interested in Junior results, and unless we receive the spontaneous co-operation of the clubs in this regard, the "Herald" and "Sporting Globe" will not be interested also.

Although Mr. Wilshaw, our official receiver of results, is still on the sick list, arrangements have been made for the results still to be phoned through to his number (WF 3915) or direct to the "Herald" (MF 0211, Extension 407).

Games played in the morning or early afternoon must be phoned as soon as games are completed to ensure publication.

J. A. OLSEN, Secretary.

NORTHCOTE (WALES STREET) STATE SCHOOL

On Friday, May 8, Wales Street school received its second coaching period. The boys had been practising during free periods and the difficult job of teaching them not to move in a pack but keep to positions has been practically overcome. Two boys showing great promise are McAllister, who has good ball control and placing of the ball to his team mates. Parker, playing full-back, is developing into a good defender.

—DENIS CHAMBERS

TECHNICAL SCHOOL SOCCER

RICHMOND TECHNICAL SCHOOL

This school has two soccer teams—Firsts and Seconds. Several of the boys are showing great promise and with a little more practice and coaching this team is going to be hard to beat in the competition. The technical schools have every Wednesday for practice games. Two matches have been played so far. Against Prahran we went down, 3 goals to 2. Against South Melbourne, experience beat them badly and they went down, 7-2. Two players worthy of mention is our inside-right, Hadfield, who has scored all the goals so far. This boy would be an asset to any junior team. The other, Garroway the goalkeeper, has the makings of a fine goalie. Although he's had 10 scored against him in two matches, three were penalties, and the tally would have been much more if he hadn't shown such fine form. More from this school later.—DENIS CHAMBERS.

To All Club Secretaries

CORONATION BALL

All moneys and unsold tickets must be returned not later than Monday, June 8. Tickets are selling fast; if you haven't made it a date, do so now.

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Junior Tables as at May 18, 1953

Under 20 Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	5	4	1	0	21	4	9
Juventus	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Brighton	4	2	2	0	13	4	6
Box Hill	4	2	0	2	7	4	4
Sth. Melbourne United	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Northcote H.S.O.B.	5	1	1	3	7	15	3
Sandringham City	5	1	1	3	6	14	3
Footscray City	4	1	0	3	8	19	2
Preston	3	0	1	2	3	11	1

Under 17 (North) Division

Brighton "A"	5	5	0	0	17	1	10
Sth. Melbourne United	4	4	0	0	22	2	8
Prahran	5	3	0	2	16	5	6
Sunshine City	5	3	0	2	13	8	6
Polonia	5	2	0	3	7	10	4
Sandringham City	5	1	0	4	4	9	2
Moorabbin City	4	0	1	3	2	12	1
South Yarra	5	0	1	4	2	36	1

Under 17 (South) Division

Moreland	3	3	0	0	27	2	6
Frankston	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Nunawading	3	2	0	1	9	3	4
Box Hill	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
Sth. Melbourne United	3	0	0	3	4	26	0
Preston	3	0	0	3	0	14	0

Under 15 Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine City	5	5	0	0	21	1	10
Sth. Melbourne United	5	5	0	0	25	2	10
Sunshine United	5	3	0	2	14	6	6
Coburg United	5	3	0	2	9	7	6
Preston	4	2	0	2	3	4	4
Moorabbin City	5	2	0	3	2	8	4
Sandringham City	5	1	1	3	6	16	3
Brighton	4	1	0	3	4	5	2
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	5	1	0	4	3	15	2
Box Hill	5	0	1	4	3	26	1

Under 14 Division

Essendon	4	4	0	0	11	4	8
Sunshine City	3	3	0	0	33	0	6
Box Hill	3	3	0	0	25	0	6
Brighton "A"	5	3	0	2	6	7	6
Northcote	3	2	0	1	8	2	4
Sth. Melbourne United	4	2	0	2	9	5	4
Coburg United	5	2	0	3	4	24	4
Prahran	4	1	0	3	8	11	2
Brighton "B"	5	0	0	5	4	24	0
Moorabbin City	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
Park Rangers	2	0	0	2	0	23	0
South Yarra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BALLARAT ASSOCIATION

R.A.A.F.	3	2	1	0	15	2	5
Ballarat City	3	1	2	0	8	5	4
Hostel Athletic	3	2	0	1	19	12	4
B.P.M.	3	1	1	1	10	10	3
Venta	3	0	0	3	2	25	0

Ballarat Association will play Hakoah on a date to be fixed.

Ballarat City, 4 v. Hostel Ath., 1.
R.A.A.F., 7 v. Venta, 1.

NORTHERN VICTORIA ASSOCIATION

Shepparton Rovers	3	3	0	0	12	3	6
Dookie College	3	2	0	1	8	7	4
Benalla H.C.	3	1	0	2	13	6	2
Shepparton United	3	0	0	3	3	18	0

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League Tables as at May 18, 1953

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	7	6	1	0	18	6	13
J.U.S.T.	7	6	0	1	30	11	12
Hakoah	7	4	1	2	21	13	9
Brighton	7	4	0	3	21	19	8
Moreland	7	3	1	3	18	10	7
Prahran	7	3	1	3	20	20	7
Footscray City	7	3	0	4	11	22	6
Yallourn	7	2	1	4	10	16	5
Box Hill	7	1	1	5	9	22	3
Park Rangers	7	0	0	7	7	26	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Second Division							
South Yarra	7	6	1	0	29	8	13
Polonia	7	5	2	0	28	6	12
Geelong	7	4	1	2	17	12	9
South Melbourne	7	4	0	3	30	15	8
White Eagles	7	3	1	3	13	20	7
Sunshine United	7	3	1	3	15	23	7
Preston	7	2	1	4	9	20	5
F.N.D.	7	1	2	4	8	13	4
Sandringham City	7	2	0	5	13	30	4
Sunshine City	7	0	1	6	6	21	1
Third Division							
Fairfield	7	7	0	0	29	8	14
George Cross	7	5	1	1	24	11	11
Maccabi	7	5	1	1	17	10	11
Northcote	7	5	0	2	20	11	10
Frankston	7	2	3	2	18	14	7
Williamstown	7	2	2	3	15	16	6
Moorabbin City	7	2	0	5	19	24	4
Dandenong Rovers	7	1	2	4	7	12	4
Coburg	7	1	1	5	11	26	3
University	7	0	0	7	3	31	0
Fourth Division							
Hellenic	7	6	1	0	44	5	12
Slovakia	6	4	2	0	28	7	10
Maribyrnong	6	4	0	2	29	13	8
I.C.I.	6	3	1	2	6	9	7
Slavia	6	3	0	3	29	9	6
Victoria Police	6	3	0	3	29	15	6
Nunawading	6	2	1	3	11	12	5
Heidelberg	6	1	0	5	9	27	2
Union Jack	7	0	0	7	3	85	0

Reserve League Tables as at May 18, 1953

First Division Reserves							
Juventus	7	7	0	0	31	5	14
J.U.S.T.	7	6	0	1	19	7	12
Prahran	7	5	1	1	22	12	11
Brighton	7	4	1	2	21	14	9
Box Hill	7	4	0	3	22	13	8
Footscray City	7	3	0	4	15	10	6
Moreland	7	3	0	4	13	16	6
Yallourn	7	1	1	5	7	16	3
Hakoah	7	1	1	5	7	23	3
Park Rangers	7	0	0	7	4	40	0
Second Division Reserves							
South Yarra	7	7	0	0	38	7	14
Polonia	7	5	1	1	35	11	11
Geelong	7	5	1	1	28	16	11
South Melbourne	7	4	1	2	17	12	9
Preston	7	3	1	3	23	13	7
Sunshine City	7	3	1	3	16	16	7
Sunshine United	7	3	0	4	11	18	6
Sandringham City	7	2	1	4	15	27	5
F.N.D.	7	0	1	6	7	24	1
White Eagles	7	0	0	7	6	45	0
Third Division Reserves							
Shell "A"	7	7	0	0	64	4	14
Fairfield	7	5	1	1	20	24	11
Northcote	6	4	1	1	21	8	9
Ukrainia	7	4	1	2	17	9	9
Moorabbin City	7	3	1	3	11	16	7
Dandenong	6	3	0	3	20	21	6
Williamstown	7	2	0	5	13	29	4
Astor	7	1	1	5	17	39	3
Coburg	7	1	1	5	7	21	3
Maccabi	7	1	0	6	5	26	2
Fourth Division Reserves							
Shell "B"	6	6	0	0	13	3	12
Box Hill	6	5	0	1	21	10	10
Brighton	6	4	0	2	41	7	8
South Yarra	7	4	1	2	12	8	8
Polonia	6	4	1	1	14	7	7
Heidelberg	7	2	1	4	9	19	5
Northcote H.S.O.B.	6	2	0	4	3	16	4
Hellenic	7	1	1	5	15	32	3
Moorabbin City	7	1	0	6	7	19	2
Ringwood	6	1	0	5	7	23	2

NOTE.—Moorabbin City have taken over Slavia's fixtures as from 16th May.

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